IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA NORTHERN DIVISION

GUIDEONE MUTUAL COMPANY,)
GUIDEONE SPECIALTY MUTUAL)
COMPANY, and GUIDEONE	
ELITE INSURANCE COMPANY,)
Plaintiffs,)
v.) CIVIL ACTION NO.: CV-05-1070-F
KATHLEEN HOPKINS and	<u> </u>
APRIL HOLTON,)
)
Defendants.)

PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE PRELIMINARY AND PERMANENT INJUNCTION HEARING

COME NOW Plaintiffs GuideOne Mutual Company, GuideOne Specialty Mutual Company, and GuideOne Elite Insurance Company (hereinafter, collectively, "GuideOne" or the "Company"), and pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(a)(2), respectfully move this Court to advance and consolidate trial of this action on the merits with the preliminary injunction hearing scheduled on November 16, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.

In support of this motion, Plaintiffs state as follows:

- 1. On November 4, 2005, Plaintiffs filed their Complaint for Declaratory Judgment, for Preliminary and Permanent Injunction, and for Damages. Additionally, Defendants filed a Motion for Temporary Restraining Order.
- 2. On the afternoon of November 4, 2005, the Court granted Plaintiffs' TRO motion, entered an order against the Defendants, and scheduled a preliminary injunction hearing in this matter on November 16, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.

3. Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court order the trial of the action on the merits to be advanced and consolidated with the hearing of the application for preliminary injunctive relief. Consolidation is appropriate because the issues and evidence to be addressed at each hearing are identical; separate hearings would be superfluous; and Plaintiffs have requested a trial on the merits by judge alone.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court advance and consolidate trial of this action on the merits with the preliminary injunction hearing scheduled on November 16, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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